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Applicant : DiPoto
 App. No : 10/693,663
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 Examiner : James L. Swiger III
 Art Unit : 3733

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 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 18, 2006 ("Office Action").

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Summary of Interview begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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